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Credentials of representatives to the Conference: report of the Credentials Committee

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chair: Necton D. Mhura (Malawi)

1. Rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development provides that:

> A Credentials Committee of nine members shall be appointed at the beginning of the Conference. Its composition shall be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly at its seventy-first session. It shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Conference without delay.

2. At its first plenary meeting, held on 5 June 2017, the Conference, in accordance with rule 4 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following States: Cameroon, China, Malawi, Netherlands, Paraguay, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia and United States of America.

3. The Credentials Committee held one meeting, on 8 June 2017.

4. The representative of Malawi, Necton D. Mhura, was unanimously elected as Chair.

5. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General dated 7 June 2017 concerning the credentials of representatives of States and of the European Union participating in the Conference. A representative of the Office of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat made a statement relating to the memorandum.

6. As indicated in paragraph 1 of the memorandum, formal credentials of representatives to the Conference, in the form required under rule 3 of the rules of procedure of the Conference, had been submitted to the Secretary-General, as at the

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time of the meeting of the Committee, by the European Union and the following 62 States: Andorra, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Bhutan, Cambodia, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Czechia, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Iceland, Jamaica, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, Myanmar, Nauru, New Zealand, Oman, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

7. As indicated in paragraph 2 of the memorandum, information concerning the appointment of representatives of States to the Conference had been communicated to the Secretary-General, as at the time of the meeting of the Committee, by means of a facsimile communication from the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or by means of a letter or note verbale from the ministry, embassy or mission concerned, by the following 91 States: Albania, Algeria, Angola, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Canada, Comoros, Cook Islands, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Eritrea, Fiji, France, Gabon, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Holy See, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kuwait, Latvia, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, Vanuatu and Yemen.

8. As indicated in paragraph 3 of the memorandum, the Secretary-General had not received the formal credentials or information referred to in paragraph 7 above from the following 44 States who had been invited to participate in the Conference: Afghanistan, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Bahamas, Bahrain, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea Bissau, Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Mali, Niger, Niue, Pakistan, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, South Sudan, State of Palestine, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Zambia.

9. The Chair recommended that the Committee accept the credentials of the representatives of the States and of the European Union listed in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the above-mentioned memorandum, on the understanding that formal credentials for representatives of the States referred to in paragraph 7 above as well as States referred to in paragraph 8 above, where applicable, would be communicated to the Secretary-General as soon as possible.

10. The Chair proposed the following draft resolution for adoption by the Committee:

The Credentials Committee,

Having examined the credentials of the representatives to the United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development,

Accepts the credentials of the representatives of the States and of the European Union referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the memorandum of the Secretary-General.

11. The draft resolution proposed by the Chair was adopted without a vote.

12. The Chair then proposed that the Committee recommend to the Conference the adoption of a draft resolution entitled "Credentials of representatives to the United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development" (see paragraph 14 below). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

13. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the Conference.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

14. The Credentials Committee recommends to the Conference the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Credentials of representatives to the United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

The United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development,

Having considered the report of the Credentials Committee and the recommendation contained therein,

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.